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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Robert J. Heath
Application No. 09/518,452
Filed: March 3, 2000
For: System For Providing Satellite Bandwidth on
Demand Employing Uplink Frame Formatting
For Smoothing and Mitigating Jitter and
Dynamically Changing Numbers of Contention
and Data Channels

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 3, 2000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

___ Petition for Extension of time is attached hereto. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

___ An extension for ___ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

X Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

X The fee for claims is calculated below.

	CLAIMS AS AMENDED					ADDITIONAL FEE
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>47</u>	minus	<u>20</u>	=	<u>27</u> x \$ 18.00 =	\$486.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	<u>8</u>	minus	<u>5</u>	=	<u>3</u> x \$ 78.00 =	\$234.000
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					\$ 260.00 =	\$0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:						<u>\$720.00</u>

Charge **\$720.00** to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig L. Plastrik
Reg. No. 41,254

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Crystal L. Brooks



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CONTENTION AND DATA CHANNELS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

May 3, 2000

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

NE → Page 21, line 18, replace "piggyback" with --follow-up--;

line 19, replace "piggyback" with --follow-up--; and

line 20, replace "piggyback" with --follow-up--.

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